(ix) Setting up of Apparel Parks and providing facilities therein concerning labour, infrastructure and duty structure for encouraging growth and competitiveness in global market.

Wherever necessary, measures are also taken in accordance with WTO regulations to discourage import of goods if the same is seen to be against the interest of industry.

Deen Dayal Hatkargha Protsahan Yojana

4950. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof *inter-alia* stating the aims thereof, funding pattern, incentives and facilities provided under the scheme;

(c) monitoring mechanism to check the utilization of assistance provided under the scheme at the National and State level;

(d) whether the Government have assessed the impact of the scheme so as to decide whether the scheme is to be continued/discontinued keeping in view the huge allocation to funds to the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) aims to provide necessary support to upgrade skills and knowledge of weavers along with basic inputs for product development and its diversification, strengthen the handloom organizations to enable them to provide input to the weavers, ensure availability of infrastructure and common facility to develop better products, make weavers aware of the demands of the markets and to provide assistance for publicity for marketing of handloom goods, improve the mobility of finished handloom products from the States of J&K. North Eastern States and Sikkim and also to provide suitable marketing incentives to attracts buyers towards handloom goods. Funds are provided for margin money, purchase of new looms, jacquards, dobbies, accessories, infrastructure support (*e.g.* setting up of common facility centres, water and effluent treatment plant and process houses), publicity, design

input, training, marketing incentives, transport subsidy for North Eastern States, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir and strengthening of handloom organizations. The funding pattern between the Centre and the State is in the ratio of 50:50 except in case of North Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal where the sharing is in the ratio of 90:10 (except Marketing Incentives for which the funding pattern is 50:50 for all the States).

(c) As per the scheme, the respective State Governments would be responsible for making necessary administrative arrangement for overseeing each project and for effective monitoring of its functioning and project. The State Governments monitor the projects through the State Level Project Committee headed by the Secretary in-charge of Handlooms and represented by a member of the Central Government. The Government of India also monitors the scheme through its officers and the officials of 24 Weavers' Service Centres.

(d) and (e) The scheme has come into operation only during the year 2000-2001. It is premature to assess the impact of the scheme as most of the projects are at implementation stage only.

Development of non-mulberry silk

4951. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Aid sought for developing non-mulberry silks", appeared in the media;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Tribal Affairs are extending Central Assistance to the Central Silk Board for development of non-mulberry silk in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) in view of the existing crisis in the Sericulture industry, whether a similar proposal will be considered for the silk industry in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Assistance is not being extended to the Central Silk Board but to the States, under existing schemes which support projects that take up